

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1908
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2000
SALE OF MILITARY CANTEEN LIQUOR IN OPEN MARKET
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the reported arrest of two persons from the Mussoorie Thana area while trying to sell liquor meant for the military canteen situated at Pathankot as appeared in Dainik Jagaran dated June 10, 2000;
- (b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): No, Sir. As narrated below, this incident does not relate to the Canteen Stores Department or the Ministry of Defence as this liquor was being transported by a private firm for the Canteen Stores Department Depot, Pathankot. It is a matter between the State Police and the Distillery. M/s Bharat Distillery Private Limited, Nasik was given an order by the Canteen Stores Department to supply liquor to the Canteen Stores Department Depot at Pathankot. The liquor was dispatched by the distillery on 29.5.2000. The truck driver, whose services were utilized by the distillery, tried to sell the liquor at Ghaziabad (U.P.) on 9.6.2000 and was nabbed by Ghaziabad Police while doing so. The truck along with the liquor was seized by the police.